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For: OUTER SURFACE-INSPECTING METHOD, MASTER PATTERNS USED THEREFOR, AND OUTER SURFACE-INSPECTING APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH SUCH A MASTER PATTERN))))

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2009, please consider the following remarks: